

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 10, lines 20-30, as follows:

As mentioned herein before, also the size of the particles of the particulate composition significantly affects the release-characteristics. ~~In order to provide sufficient stability as well as a sufficiently sustained release the particles in the particulate composition should have a volume weighted average diameter of at least 50 μm . It has been found that if the particles in the particulate composition have a volume weighted average diameter of at least 50 μm , they provide sufficient stability as well as a sufficiently sustained release.~~ Preferably, said average diameter is at least 80 μm , more preferably at least 125 μm . Typically, the aforementioned average diameter will not exceed 1500 μm . In order to enable homogeneous distribution of flavouring throughout an endues product, it is preferred to employ articles having a volume weighted average diameter of not more than 1000 μm , more preferably of not more than 850 μm . It is furthermore preferred that at least 75 wt%, more preferably at least 90 wt%, of the particles has a diameter within the range of 80-1000 μm , more preferably within the range of 125-850 μm .